

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
March 14, 2016

MINUTES

St. John's Properties
1800 N. Prospect Ave
1:00 PM

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the March meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:04pm.

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk Palec, John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Barbara Leigh, Cheri McGrath, Meg Steimle, Supervisor Willie Johnson

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Luis Arroyo, Denise Koss, Marcia Perkins, Sue Pickering, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki, Kathy Zalewski

Staff: Mike Bonk, Tim Ochnikowski

Guests: Tracy Harrington - MCTS

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January & February)

Approved Tom Jacobs
2nd County Supervisor Willie Johnson

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

Bike Sharing Committee Meeting Scheduled prior to Commission Meeting was cancelled, and is rescheduled for March 21st at 12:00pm at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 306. National League of Cities documents and recognizes that Bike Share Programs are forms of public transportation. City's RFP states ADA requirements needed to comply with ADA. Stations are not accommodating, and Trek is not currently manufacturing equipment.

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Recordings on MCTS vehicles has eliminated a lot of he said she said issues regarding on time delivery, and other disputes. Segway's were a recent concern on buses, and how to secure these devices, and whether they should be allowed for the recreational user, versus a person with a disability that need to use as a mobility device. January ridership down, but not sure if its due to GoPass or some other outside factors.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

None

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (January)

Underwood Construction Updates. Contract awarded to WM Sackerson Construction. Alternate A Front entrance, and two additional rooms will be built. In May Alternate B Siding, Windows, and doors, are hoping to get done.

Wil-O-Way Vending Machines now taken over by OPD, and funds raised will be put into the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities Trust Fund.

Commission discussed sending a Letter to the Editor. Commission would like to still submit to the local papers, County Board, and County Executive's office. The Office promotes the Transportation Savings on Social Media, thru various ways including "Fun Fact Friday".

ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Recreation Updates

The office has continued their partnership with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, Sailing Program. OPD will start taking reservations in April. Summer Camps are filling up fast, and are looking to hire staff. Recreation Programs continue to grow in numbers. The Office in collaboration with Adult Day Services, Easter Seals, Goodwill and others will be hosting park clean up called, "Green Up Clean Ups" The dates of the events are as follows: Wil-O-Way Grant 4/10/16, & Wil-O-Way Underwood 5/1/16.

B. Chairpersons Report



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ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS**ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC****ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, April 11th, 2016 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk, Staff to the Commission